

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ___

Introduced by: Rhoads

A HOUSE RESOLUTION commending the nation of Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the United States and the State of Indiana.

Whereas, Israel has been granted her lands under and through the oldest recorded deed, as recorded in the Old Testament, a book of scripture held sacred and revered by Jews and Christians alike, as presenting the acts and words of God;

Whereas, The claim and presence of the Jewish people in Israel has remained constant throughout the past 4,000 years of history;

Whereas, The legal basis for the establishment of the modern State of Israel was a binding act of international law

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established in the San Remo Resolution, which was unanimously adopted by the League of Nations in 1922 and subsequently affirmed by both houses of the United States Congress;

Whereas, This resolution affirmed the establishment of a national home for the Jewish people in the historical region of the Land of Israel, including the areas of Judea, Samaria, and Jerusalem;

Whereas, Article 80 of the United Nations charter recognized the continued validity of the rights granted to states or peoples which already existed under international instruments, and, therefore, the 1922 League of Nations resolution remains valid, and the 650,000 Jews currently residing in the areas of Judea, Samaria, and eastern Jerusalem reside there legitimately;

Whereas, Israel declared its independence and self-governance on May 14, 1948, with the goal of reestablishing its God-given and legally recognized lands as a homeland for the Jewish people;

Whereas, The United States, having been the first country to recognize Israel as an independent nation and as Israel's principal ally, has enjoyed a close and mutually beneficial relationship with Israel and her people;

Whereas, Israel is the greatest friend and ally of the United States in the Middle East, and the values of our two nations are so intertwined that it is impossible to separate one from the other:

Whereas, There are those in the Middle East who have continually sought to destroy Israel, from the time of its inception as a state, and those same enemies of Israel also hate, and seek to destroy, the United States; and

Whereas, The State of Indiana and Israel have enjoyed cordial and mutually beneficial relations since 1948, a friendship that continues to strengthen with each passing year: Therefore,

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Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1	SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives commends
2	Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the
3	United States and with the State of Indiana and supports Israel in its
4	legal, historical, moral, and God-given right of self-governance and
5	self-defense upon the entirety of its own lands, recognizing that Israel
6	is neither an attacking force nor an occupier of the lands of others, and
7	that peace can be afforded the region only through a whole and united
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